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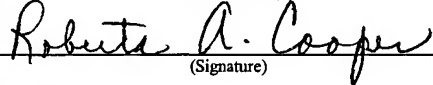
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- [ X ] Response to Office Communication dated October 15, 2006.
- [ X ] Copy of Petition Under 27 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) filed August 4, 2006.
- [ X ] Copy of Decision on Petition Mailed from PTO on September 13, 2006.

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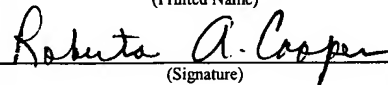
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